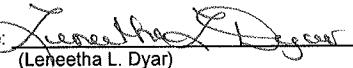


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#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2010, the period for response to which extends through February 23, 2011, by the concurrently-filed petition for a three-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.